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## Grand Teton National Park News Release

### **REWARD OFFERED ON ELK POACHING IN GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK**

The Park Watch Program and Teton County Crimestoppers are offering a reward of \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons involved with the poaching of an elk on Wednesday, October 15, along Highway 26/89/191 in Grand Teton National Park.

During the early morning hours of October 15, an elk was illegally shot one mile south of Moran Junction at Elk Ranch Flats. It appeared that the poacher/s shot the animal from the highway and initially drove away to conceal their involvement. Shortly afterwards, the poacher/s returned to claim the carcass, taking only the prime cuts of meat and leaving the remainder of the elk to waste along the roadside.

The killing of wildlife in a national park is a federal offense. Prosecution in federal court carries significant penalties, including imprisonment, seizure of equipment, fines, and restitution for damage to, or loss of, property and resources.

Anyone who may have been in the vicinity of the Elk Ranch Flats on Highway 26/89/191 during the morning of October 15th, or anyone who may have information that might be helpful to this poaching investigation, is asked to call the Law Enforcement Specialist Office in Grand Teton National Park at 307/ 739-3327.

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